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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 07/20/04 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 07/01/04. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

The claims are allowable for the reason that the references cited in the filed IDS do not teach or suggest the claimed combination: a containing member for containing the rotary polygon mirror and the imaging optical system; a first conductive cover member for closing a first opening portion of the containing member; a second conductive cover member for closing a second opening portion of the containing member; and a conductive connection member for electrically connecting between the first conductive cover member and the second conductive cover member.

The optical box 10 in JP 11-231250 is not shown to have a second conductive cover member for closing a second opening portion of the containing member; and a conductive connection member for electrically connecting between the first conductive cover member and the second conductive cover member. The metallic cap 13 is equivalent to the claimed first conductive member.

Similarly, the resin optical box 1 in JP 2002-328326 is not shown to have a second conductive cover member for closing a second opening portion of the containing member; and a conductive connection member for electrically connecting between the first conductive cover member and the second conductive cover member. The metallic lid 2 is equivalent to the claimed first conductive member.

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